

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL WHO APPLY

This application asks you to tell us the Social Security numbers, citizenship and immigration status of everyone in your household. **You may not need to give us this information.** This notice tells you when you must give this information and when it is voluntary.

For Medicaid, Food Stamps and Families First benefits:

- **Anyone who wants to receive any of these benefits** must tell us about his or her citizenship and immigration status. You must also give us your social security number. If you do not have a social security number, you must get one. We can help you get one, if you meet the rules at the Social Security office, and still take your application today. This will not delay your application.
- **If you or anyone else in your home does not want to receive benefits**, then you do not have to tell us about your social security number, citizenship or immigration status. Other members of your household can still get benefits if they qualify. You can give social security numbers to us voluntarily. It will help us to find out your family's income. **However**, if you give us your social security number, or we already have it in our records, or if we get it later, we have to treat you like you are applying for benefits and use it to determine your eligibility.
- **If you are applying only for emergency Medicaid**, you do not have to provide information on your social security number, citizenship or immigration status.
- Applying for food stamps will not affect your Families First application. It also won't make any difference in how much the Families First cash payments will be. If you get food stamps, this does not count against the Families First time limit. If you stop getting Families First cash payments for any reason, you may still be able to get food stamps.

FREE INTERPRETERS – If you need help understanding English, please let us know. We will get either an interpreter or interpreter service to help you talk to us. **This is free.** We can still take your application today. Getting an interpreter will not delay your application.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT CHILD SUPPORT – To get Families First cash payments, you must send any money you get from the parents of the children on the Families First case to the Department of Human Services (DHS). This money is called child support. You may be able to get back some or all of the child support. This means that you may be able to get Families First cash payments and child support at the same time. We call these child support payments “**child support pass through payments.**” This is because the child support is passed through DHS to you.

The amount of the child support pass through payment will depend on how much child support is paid and the unmet need in your Families First budget. You cannot get more in child support pass-through payments than the unmet need. We figure the unmet need based on:

- how much your Families First cash payment is;
- how many people are in your Families First case; and
- how much other income they have.

You can ask your caseworker how much your unmet need is.

If you have any questions about child support, ask your caseworker.

